

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application, as amended, is respectfully requested. Claims 1 has been amended. Claims 2-3 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 4-19 have been added.

Examiner rejected claims 1 and 2 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,524,069 to Inoue.

Examiner rejected claims 1-3 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,151,945 to Lee et al. Lee discusses determination of ambient light changes in the environment. However, Lee does not anticipate or make obvious the claims as amended.

Claim 1, as amended, recites:

A method of recognizing a fingerprint comprising:
detecting the fingerprint on a sensor;
digitizing the fingerprint on the sensor;
sending the digitized fingerprint to a computer system to perform a match identifying an individual associated with the fingerprint;
returning a match signal from the computer system to the sensor; and
confirming the match on the sensor, if the computer system indicated a match.

Lee does not teach or suggest confirming a fingerprint match on a sensor.

Therefore, claim 1, as amended, and the claims that depend on it, are not anticipated by or obvious over Lee.

Newly added claim 10 recites:

A biometric sensor coupled to a computer system, the biometric sensor comprising:
a sensing unit to detect a biometric;
a connection to securely transmit the biometric to the computer system for authentication and to receive a preliminary match from the computer system; and
a decision making unit to perform verification of the preliminary match and make a final decision on whether the biometric is authenticated.

Lee does not teach or suggest a decision making unit, part of a biometric sensor, to perform verification of the preliminary match and make a final decision on whether a biometric is authenticated. Therefore, claim 10, and the claims that depend on it, are not anticipated by or obvious over Lee.

Newly added claim 16 recites:

A method of using a biometric in a computer system comprising:
receiving a registration biometric data from a user;
associating the registration biometric data with an identity information;
associating access to a file or program with the identity information, such that the file or program may be auto-launched using the biometric data.

Lee does not teach or suggest associating access to a file or program with the identity information. Therefore, claim 16, and the claims that depend on it, are not anticipated by or obvious over Lee.

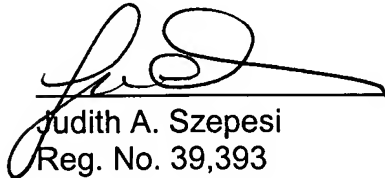
Applicant respectfully submits that in view of the amendments and discussion set forth herein, the applicable rejections have been overcome. Accordingly, the present and amended claims should be found to be in condition for allowance.

If a telephone interview would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact Judith Szepesi at (408) 720-8300.

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